

This is the time of year when temperatures go up, almost as high as utility bills! This summer, reduce your energy use while still managing to stay cool! Here are some tips from Southern California Edison:

- Set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees.
 - Use electric fans instead of air conditioning when practical.
 - Turn off unused appliances and equipment.
 - Shut off lights when leaving a room.
 - Close drapes and blinds to keep out direct sunlight during hot periods.
 - Avoid using evaporative coolers or humidifiers at the same time as an air conditioner.
 - Operate swimming pool equipment and energy-intensive appliances during early morning and evening hours.
- Limit the opening and reopening of refrigerators, which are major users of electricity in most homes.
- When possible, businesses should shift power-intensive work processes to morning or evening hours.
- Turn off lights in unused areas.

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